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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 22, 2003

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following. This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated July 22, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is October 22, 2003.

Firstly, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for helpful suggestions given during an October 22, 2003 telephone interview with the undersigned patent agent.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11916.0048.NPUS00.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.